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AMENDMENT IN MODEL TOWN PLANNING BYE LAWS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued directives to the State Government to amend the model town planning bye-laws in view of 59 percent area in the country being earthquake-prone;

(b) if so, the number of States which have amended the said bye-laws so far;

(c) whether the Government has taken any step to provide technology to the States for construction of earthquake resistant buildings in earthquake prone areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Urban Development has requested all the State Governments to incorporate provisions o f Structural Safety as per National Building Code (NBC) 2005 and Model Building Bye-laws in their respective Building Bye-laws of cities / towns. Further, Ministry of Home Affairs has also requested all the State Governments to incorporate structural safety provisions as given in Model Building Bye-Laws and also Model Bye Laws of M/o Home Affairs.

(b): So far, 23 States and 6 UTs have intimated that action is underway for amending the Building Bye-laws.

(c)&(d): Earthquake tips prepared by IIT Kanpur were circulated to all the State Governments and the same have also been uploaded in the website of Ministry of Urban Development. Further, the handbook on Seismic Retrofit of Buildings published by CPWD and IIT, Chennai has also been circulated to the State Governments.